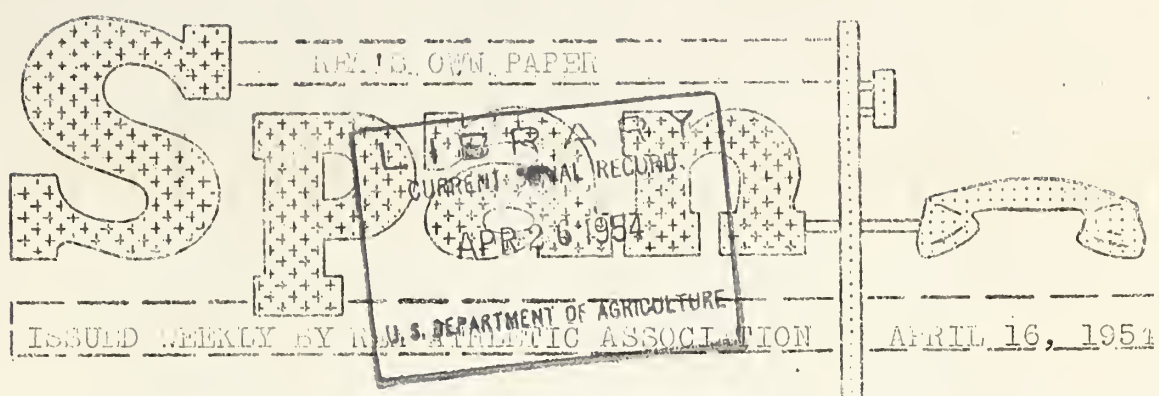


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BIRTHDAY TICKETS ON SALE THURS.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FRED STRONG TO SERVE
AS HONORARY CHAIRMAN

Tickets for the Gala 19th Birthday Ball will go on sale next Thursday, according to Dance Chairman Edward F. Wilson. He announced today that Deputy Administrator Fred Strong had agreed to act as Honorary Chairman of the affair, scheduled for the Washington Hotel on Friday night, May 7, 1954. Henry J. Holmes is Ticket Committee Chairman, and Timothy W. Callahan will be in charge of decorations. Members of the general committee include the following:

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| Administrator's Office - - - - - | Agnes Johnson |
| Administrative Division - - - - - | Robert Partridge |
| Accounting Division - - - - - | David M. Adison |
| Electric Engineering - - - - - | J. E. O'Brien |
| Northeast Area - - - - - | R. S. Broderick |
| North Central - - - - - | James E. Mallory |
| Western Area - - - - - | Mary Wilkins |
| Southeast - - - - - | George Cole |
| Southwest - - - - - | Charles Fitch |
| Information - - - - - | Lucile Holmes |
| Personnel - - - - - | Alta Hamlin |
| Telephone Engineering - - - - - | William Eastman |
| Telephone Operations and Loans - - - - - | Charles Jackson |
| Solicitor's Office - - - - - | Thomas O'Reilly |

Dancing is slated to be from 9:30 to 1, to the music of Jack Morton's Orchestra. The birthday party is sponsored by the REA Athletic Association.

NELSEN GIVES \$200 FOR CHARITY

FEE RECEIVED FOR TELEVISION SHOW GIVEN TO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The REA Athletic Association has received a check for \$200 from Administrator Anchor Nelson representing the fee Mr. Nelson was paid recently for appearing on the Longines Chronoscope television show in New York City. The Association board of directors will place the money in a special fund to be used to furnish financial aid to needy REA families. Procedures for choosing the recipients and determining the amount of aid will be decided by a special committee appointed by President Walter Clayton with the approval of the board.

REA BOWLERS POUND DOWN HOME STRETCH IN THRILLING NECK AND NECK RACE

The REA Bowling League comes to a close next Friday night with the Pin Kings and Rollers battling it out for first place in one of the closest end-of-the-season fights in years. Last week, the Rollers trounced the Ghostwriters three games to make it 8 wins in the last 9 starts, and placing them one game below the league-leading Pin Kings, who took two games from Southwest. Tonight the Rollers meet the Alley Cats and the Pin Kings bowl the Rhos, both important contests to help decide the season's champions next week. For complete standings, see page two.

RIDE WANTED: To and from vicinity Riggs Road and Eastern Ave., NE.
Mrs. Cecil Gowen, extension 5677.

REA SPRING GOLF OUTING APR. 30

The REA Spring Golf Outing will be held at the Bethesda Country Club on Friday, April 30, 1954. This year the event is being called an "outing" instead of "tournament" to attract novices who are reluctant to enter tournaments, and to emphasize the social aspects of the affair a bit more. In addition, according to Chairman Darrell Johnson, the outing will serve as a farewell to Bill Wochler who has participated in REA golf matches since 1936, and plans to retire soon.

Green fees are \$2 and there will be a 25 cent entry fee to help buy the prizes. Entrants will be free to make up their own foursomes. Ladies are especially invited to enter. Daylight saving will be in effect and even a late start will permit 18 holes. Prizes will be for winners in the Blind Bogey in which each golfer picks his own handicap, so everyone will have an equal chance.

Sectional representatives have been appointed as follows:

Electric Operations - - Keith Kittler
 Southern Region - - - - Fred Heinemann
 Northern Region - - - - Larry Cates
 Telephone Loans - - - - Carlo Mazzelli
 Telephone Engineering - Nick Kischitz
 Solicitors - - - - - Tom O'Reilly
 Admin.-Personnel-Info - Drew McLay

CURRENT BOWLING STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pins	Team	W	L	Pins
Pin Kings	48	24	36,531	Western Area	33	39	34,788
Rollers	47	25	34,927	Elhos	33	39	34,868
Eight Balls	42	30	35,820	Alley Cats	33	39	33,983
Ghostwriters	36	36	34,511	Hi Lines	32	40	33,827
Brass Hats	34	38	35,361	Bizzy Signals	31	40	31,582
Boilermakers	31	38	34,983	Southwest	29	43	34,236
High game over average - John Parry, Boilermakers - 142-95-47.							

REA LADIES' LUNCHEON NEXT TUESDAY

The REA Ladies' Club will hold a Bridge and Canasta Luncheon on Tuesday, April 20, at 12 noon, at Allison's Little Tea House, 1301 South Arlington Ridge Road. Hostesses will be Mrs. Reggie Cole, Mrs. Clifford Goetting, Mrs. Peter Schwann and Mrs. Harry Reising.

SPAN SCOOPS

Two more REA grandchildren, both born on April 10: a boy for Lillian Rosen, a girl for Agnes Johnson A special committee has been named by the Athletic Association

to handle contributions for the needy family reported in last week's SPAN. It consists of Tim Callahan, Paul Carroll, and Marguerette Hodge. . . . Iva Shaffer, Administrative and Loan Accounting, is engaged to be married to Bill Wesley, who is employed in the District building. . . . Don't forget the Cancer Crusade. There will be no direct solicitation but boxes are available in your chief's office. . . . SPAN is published every Friday for the REA staff by the Athletic Association. Contributions are welcome. Please write them -- do not phone -- to SPAN, room 3314, before deadline Thursday noon.

OPEDA LUNCHEON

The OPEDA banquet in commemoration of the founding of the Organization of Professional Employees of the Department of Agriculture 25 years ago, will be held in the 4th wing cafeteria on April 23. Congressman Clifford Hope of Kansas will be the speaker. Special entertainment features are planned. All past and present members of OPEDA have been invited to attend along with their wives and friends. Reservations for tickets at \$2.50 each should be sent to Charles E. Burkhead (AMS) room 2727 South Building or to members of the OPEDA Council representing all USDA agencies.